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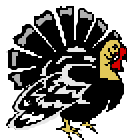
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was moderate. Offerings are adequate and held with confidence. Trading was fairly active parts and meats trading was fair. Demand was adequate to instances short.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat, tom drums and tom wings, balance of items were slow. Inquiry noted from Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Russia and Mexico. Demand remains fairly consistent. Offerings are in a full range.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 31, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	78.00	80	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	63.50	504	MAY-JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	66	66.00	200	68.00	400	JUN	920	MAY-AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	62.50	480	MAY-JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	65	65.00	400	68.00	600	JUN	1520	MAY-AUG

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 01, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.25	67.75	63.60	EASTERN REGION	64.69	65.34	62.62
CENTRAL REGION	63.70 **	64.00 **	64.00	CENTRAL REGION	64.04	64.63	62.89
WESTERN REGION	66.00	66.00	66.00	WESTERN REGION	65.04	65.82	63.48
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.25	65.75	61.17	EASTERN REGION	63.14	62.63	60.53
CENTRAL REGION	62.30 **	63.00 **	61.00	CENTRAL REGION	62.46	62.08	60.89
WESTERN REGION	65.00	64.00	64.00	WESTERN REGION	63.04	63.08	61.04

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 04-APR-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	77.77	452,000
16-24 lbs.	74.85	65,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	532,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 26-Mar-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

WE 28 Mar 2006 BY REGION (THOUSANDS) (PRELIMINARY)						
YOUNG TURKEYS				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
				BANDED		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	728	0	24.55	(A)	730	24.55
South Atlantic	581	-4	30.80	(A)	582	30.80
North Central	1,967	1	34.00	(A)	1,968	34.00
South Central	420	-17	22.49	(A)	421	22.49
West	289	-11	24.11	(A)	290	24.11
U.S. total	3,985(B)	-3	29.88	6	3,991	29.88
To-date						
2005	48,648(B)			42	48,690	
To-date						
2004	50,503(B)			97	50,600	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 309,000; for last year to date 527,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	386,142*
March 1 - 26, 2005	365,294*

To date 2005	1,156,334*
To date 2004	1,139,451*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 26-Mar-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,468	2,502	15	6	3,991
Avg Wt	16.03	38.03	26.38	28.44	29.88
Last week	1,582	2,517	17	1	4,117
Same wk yr ago	1,808	2,595	48	7	4,458
Avg Wt	15.86	36.62	24.28	27.78	28.05
To-date/2005	18,300	30,039	309	42	48,690
To-date/2004	20,352	29,624	527	97	50,600

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 31 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom drums and necks was steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings mixed and ranged from barely steady to instances fully steady, and tom full-cut wings steady to instances weak. Demand slow to instances moderate with tom drums the most active into domestic and export channels. Offerings of tom drums light to adequate and held with confidence, tom necks light to short of buyers' needs, tom full-cut wings adequate to instances burdensome and tom 2-joint wings mixed with some held with more confidence than others. The market tone on hen drums was mostly steady for the adequate supplies, hen full-cut wings steady to barely steady with some noting offerings not as readily available as previous weeks and hen 2-joint wings fully adequate to instances burdensome. Domestic trading was moderately active on fresh tom breast meat and fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Export trading was moderately active on frozen thigh meat and moderate on tom drums. Frozen thigh meat traded at 96-97 cents shipping point for April-May export shipments. Export inquiry was noted from Asia, Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	100.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	165.00		165.00	4
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-34.00		28.29	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	35.00	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	68.16	122
NECKS, TOM	24.50		24.50	4
NECKS, HEN		T	22.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00-169.00		166.00	640
THIGH MEAT		W	89.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	135.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	10
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00		29.00	680
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.76	340
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	520
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00		38.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.00		32.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00-89.00		86.94	552

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim was steady to fully steady, scapula about steady, fresh wing meat with skin steady while frozen remains barely steady at best. Demand moderate to active on fresh tom breast meat, balance of white meat ranged from very light on frozen wing meat with skin to instances moderate on the balance. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to instances adequate with some noting increased spot availability, frozen wing meat with skin exceeds the limited buyer interest, frozen destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat light at best and held with confidence, balance of white meat light to adequate. The market tone on frozen thigh meat was mixed ranging from firm on product destined for Russia to instances barely steady for other destinations, fresh thigh meat steady at best. Demand good on thigh meat for export, domestic light to instances moderate. Offerings held with varied degrees of confidence. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey fully steady to firm. Demand moderate to good with supplies short of buyers needs. For domestic: breast skin pieces 15-20; fresh scapula 119-126 mostly 119-120; fresh breast trim 152; Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. 105, 12-14 lb. 130, 14-16 lb. 133; plant grade non-basted: 10-12 lb. 102, 14-16 lb. 122-125, 16-18 lb. 122; Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 120; plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 135 cents delivered. For export: livers 22.50 and tom defatted gizzards 55 cents shipping point, fresh thigh meat 91 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	100.00	600	100.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	165.00	4	147.83	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	160	95.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.22	46	41.56	90
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	41.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	38.00	40	38.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-33.00		30.71	41	31.21	163
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	35.00	21		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-45.00		38.60	50	39.54	57
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	68.16	122	68.16	122
NECKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.44	16	22.97	106
NECKS, HEN		T	22.00	2	22.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00-168.00		166.35	631	165.87	1741
THIGH MEAT		W	89.00	40	89.00	44
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00-93.00		92.72	101	92.87	221
BREAST TRIM MEAT	136.00		136.00	80	136.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	20	106.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00-158.00		155.75	160	155.75	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-170.00		169.76	49	169.91	180
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-30.00		29.89	45	29.14	865
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.50-41.00		40.52	588	40.62	968
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00-30.00		28.30	184	28.82	704
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	38.00	104	44.43	364
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00		34.00	40	32.87	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-90.00		86.37	716	87.44	2400

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